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**PATENT APPLICATION**

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In re application of

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Takahiro KITAHARA, et al.

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For: FLUOROPOLYMER AND COMPOSITION THEREOF

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**  
**UNDER 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98**

**MAIL STOP AMENDMENT**

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In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicant hereby notifies the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office of the documents which are listed on the attached PTO/SB/08 A & B (modified) form and/or listed herein and which the Examiner may deem material to patentability of the claims of the above-identified application.

One copy of each of the listed documents is submitted herewith, except for the following: U.S. patents and/or U.S. patent publications; and co-pending non-provisional U.S. applications filed after June 30, 2003.

The present Information Disclosure Statement is being filed: (1) No later than three months from the application's filing date; (2) Before the mailing date of the first Office Action on the merits (whichever is later); or (3) Before the mailing date of the first Office Action after filing a request for continued examination (RCE) under §1.114, and therefore, no Statement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e) or fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(p) is required.

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The present Information Disclosure Statement is being filed thirty days or fewer from the communication from a foreign patent office and a Statement Under 37 C.F.R. §1.704(d) is attached.

JP 06-080733, JP 04-085305, JP 08-500628 and WO 01/60606 were cited in a Japanese Office Action for counterpart Japanese Application No. 2004-562895 dated September 5, 2006, copy attached.

In compliance with the concise explanation requirement under 37C.F.R. §1.98(a)(3) for foreign language documents, Applicants state that WO 94/05706 is the International Publication of JP 8-500628. Furthermore, U.S. Patent No. 5,237,049 claims priority from WO 94/05706 and corresponds to JP 8-500628.

JP 06-080733, JP 04-085305 and WO 01/60606 were previously submitted in the Information Disclosure Statement filed September 23, 2005.

The submission of the listed documents is not intended as an admission that any such document constitutes prior art against the claims of the present application. Applicant does not waive any right to take any action that would be appropriate to antedate or otherwise remove any listed document as a competent reference against the claims of the present application.

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		US 5,237,049		08-17-1993	CAVANAUGH et al.
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		JP	8-500628		01-23-1996	E.I. DU PONT DE NEMOURS AND COMPANY	Abstract
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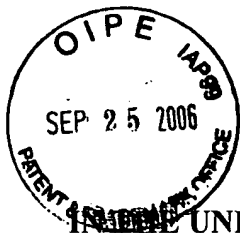
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